

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An ascension/descension apparatus, comprising:
a track connected to a vertical surface; ~~and~~
a portable platform portion detachably connectable to the track such that the portable platform portion can move upwardly and downwardly along the track; and
a chain system connected to the track for raising and lowering the portable platform portion.
2. Canceled.
3. (Currently Amended) The ascension/descension apparatus of claim [[2]] 1, wherein the chain system includes at least one chain, and further comprising a motor for rotating the chain.
4. (Original) The ascension/descension apparatus of claim 3, further comprising a control unit connected to the portable platform portion such that an operator of the apparatus can control the motor from the control unit.

5. (Original) The ascension/descension apparatus of claim 4, further comprising a motor control unit in communication with the control unit and the motor, wherein the motor control unit is for receiving signals from the control unit.
6. (Original) The ascension/descension apparatus of claim 5, wherein the control unit is in wireless communication with the motor control unit.
7. Canceled.
8. (Original) The ascension/descension apparatus of claim 1, wherein the vertical surface includes a surface of a utility pole.
9. (Original) The ascension/descension apparatus of claim 8, wherein the utility pole includes utility equipment connected to the plate.
10. (Original) The ascension/descension apparatus of claim 9, wherein the utility pole is a telephone pole.
11. (Currently Amended) An ascension/descension apparatus, comprising:
a portable platform portion; and
means for raising and lowering the portable platform, ~~wherein the portable platform portion is detachably connectable to the means for raising and lowering,~~ said means including:

a track, wherein the portable platform portion is detachably connectable to the track;
a chain system for moving the portable platform portion along the track; and
a motor in communication with the chain system.

12. Canceled.

13. (Currently Amended) The ascension/descension apparatus of claim ~~[[12]]~~ 11, further comprising a control unit connected to the portable e platform portion such that an operator of the apparatus can control the motor from the control unit.

14. (Original) The ascension/descension apparatus of claim 13, further comprising a motor control unit in communication with the control unit and the motor, wherein the motor control unit is for receiving signals from the control unit.

15. (Original) The ascension/descension apparatus of claim 14, wherein the control unit is in wireless communication with the motor control unit.

16-20. Canceled.